



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge  
Brigham City, UT  
Waterbird/Raptor Survey  
April 20, 2016

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on April 20, 2016 by Student Conservation Association Intern Katharine Cody and Utah DWR biologists John Neill and Kyle Stone recording 53 species. Overall waterfowl numbers were about half of what they normally are for the time of the year as many birds have migrated through. Canada geese and great blue herons were observed tending nests and incubating eggs. Highlights of the survey include Virginia rail and sora which were heard vocalizing in the wetland vegetation. Also sighted were red-necked phalaropes and a Wilson's snipe.

Snow goose	1	Snowy egret	15
Canada goose	552	Black-crowned night heron	16
Mallard	312	White-faced ibis	1,523
Northern pintail	161	Killdeer	32
American green-winged teal	361	Black-necked stilt	285
Blue-winged teal	3	American avocet	2,046
Cinnamon teal	1,097	Willet	13
Northern shoveler	2,057	Greater yellowlegs	2
Gadwall	6,377	Lesser yellowlegs	21
American wigeon	1038	Long-billed curlew	53
Canvasback	175	Marbled godwit	639
Redhead	570	Long-billed dowitcher	117
Lesser scaup	794	Wilson's snipe	1
Common goldeneye	2	Red-necked phalarope	2
Bufflehead	165	Franklin's gull	824
Common merganser	2	Ring-billed gull	176
Red-breasted merganser	3	California gull	6,819
Ring-necked duck	78	Caspian tern	24
Ruddy duck	2,424	Forster's tern	12
Unknown ducks	1,755	Virginia rail	5
Pied-billed grebe	24	Sora	8
Eared grebe	102	American coot	8,076
Western grebe	217	Sandhill crane	4
Clark's grebe	133	Northern harrier	4
American white pelican	293	Swainson's hawk	1
Double-crested cormorant	792	Red-tailed hawk	2
Great blue heron	178	Prairie falcon	1